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**Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

What progress has been made to resolve the issues with regard to the setting up of fishing co-operatives in the Western Cape?

**264. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

The Department is unable to progress with the registration of cooperatives in the Western Cape until the final list of successful small scale fishers has been concluded. Following multiple complaints received by the Minister from fishing community members about the lack of fairness and accuracy of the verification and declaration of small-scale fishers in the Western Cape, the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) conducted an internal audit on the verification and declaration process in Western Cape.

I attach for your information the Department's media statement with regard to the way forward on this matter.

**Regards**



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**MS B D CREECY, MP  
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**DATE: 4/3/2021**